



September 2, 2016

Mr. Daniel L. Wagner  
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Wagner:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2016-000596) submitted March 21, 2016. Ms. Nabiha Syed, Assistant General Counsel, later revised this request by narrowing your focus, you reaffirmed:

- Any and all records, whether generated for internal use or to communicate with financiers and/or winning and losing bidders, pertaining to the substitution of Deutsche Bank in the place of Colony Capital as a key financier on the project.
- Any memoranda, opinions, guidance or similar documents pertaining to said substitution.
- Any and all Congressional correspondence received by the GSA either directly (from Congress) or indirectly (from another agency that was in possession of such Congressional correspondence) mentioning or pertaining to the redevelopment of the Old Post Office, including but not limited to the selection of the winning bidder, the effort to obtain necessary entitlements for the project to move forward and GSA's handling thereof, and the plan itself as it has evolved since the winning bidder was selected.
- Any records in GSA's possession pertaining to the Congressional Correspondence described in the preceding paragraph, including but not limited to public responses (e.g. letters of reply), private memos and emails discussing the possible response and policy actions taken or considered that relates (whether in effect or in intent) to the matters raised in such Congressional letters.

Please find enclosed are records responsive to your request. In processing your request, we have withheld signatures in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This is done because public disclosure of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This constitutes a partial denial under FOIA. If you are not satisfied with the response to this request or the adequacy or the search, you may administratively appeal by writing to U.S. General Services Administration at the address shown below. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of the response to your request:

U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)  
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons why you believe GSA should have responsive records. Enclose a copy of your initial request and this letter. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes action on your request. Should you have any press related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ashley Nash-Hahn, GSA Press Secretary, by email at [media@gsa.gov](mailto:media@gsa.gov). If you have general questions please contact Ms. Toni Slappy at (202) 680-8209 or by email [toni.slappy@gsa.gov](mailto:toni.slappy@gsa.gov). If you need additional assistance, you may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Audrey Brooks at (202) 205-5912 or via email at [Audrey.brooks@gsa.gov](mailto:Audrey.brooks@gsa.gov). Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures